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SUBJ: DE SOLA KIDNAPPING

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1. WHO KIDNAPPED FRANCISCO "CHICO" DE SOLA, AND WITH WHAT MOTIVE, REMAINS AS MUCH IN THE REALM OF SPECULATION TODAY AS WHEN HE WAS PULLED OUT OF HIS CAR ON JUNE 30. ALTHOUGH A NUMBER OF DETAILS OF THE KIDNAPPING ITSELF HAVE BEEN RELEASED BY THE POLICE, AND THE PRESS HAS COVERED THIS ASPECT AT LENGTH, AS FAR AS THE PUBLIC IS AWARE THERE HAVE BEEN NO COMMUNICATIONS AS YET FROM THE KIDNAPPERS NOR IDENTIFICATION OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE. THE PRESS HAS MENTIONED, AS IS OBVIOUSLY TRUE, THAT THE DE SOLA FAMILY IS TREATING THE MATTER IN AS CAUTIOUS AND CONFIDENTIAL A MANNER AS POSSIBLE. IT HAS ISSUED NO PUBLIC STATEMENT WHATSOEVER. IN THE ABSENCE OF CONCRETE INFORMATION, THE RUMOR MILLS ARE CRANKING OUT A CONTINUAL FLOW OF THEORIES AS TO WHO IS RESPONSIBLE, WHAT THE DEMANDS WILL BE, AND WHO ELSE HAS JUST BEEN KIDNAPPED.

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2. FROM WHAT HAS APPEARED IN THE PRESS AND BEEN PASSED TO THE EMBASSY BY SECURITY SERVICE CONTACTS, THE FOLLOWING IS ALL THAT IS KNOWN ABOUT THE KIDNAPPING ITSELF. AT LEAST SEVEN ASSAILANTS, IN TWO CARS, EXECUTED THE CRIME. THEY APPARENTLY DID NOT WEAR MASKS, WERE SEEN BY A NUMBER OF WITNESSES, AND WERE DESCRIBED AS "YOUNG". THE KIDNAPPING WAS CARRIED OUT IN AN AMATEURISH, ALMOST KEYSTONE COPS MANNER, WITH THE KIDNAPPERS FINALLY HAVING TO ABANDON THEIR DISABLED CARS AND COMMANDEERING PASSING VEHICLES TO MAKE THEIR GETAWAY. DE SOLA OFFERED NO RESISTANCE AND NO SHOTS WERE FIRED. HIS BODYGUARD WAS LEFT HANDCUFFED TO THE STEERING WHEEL.

3. THE EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FROM A RELATIVE OF THE DE SOLA FAMILY, AND ON THE BASIS OF STRICT CONFIDENTIALITY, THAT ONE COMMUNICATION HAS REACHED THE FAMILY, PURPORTEDLY FROM THE KIDNAPPERS. ALTHOUGH THE SOURCE WAS NOT AWARE WHEN OR HOW THE MESSAGE HAD BEEN DELIVERED, HE CLAIMED TO HAVE READ IT, AND THAT THE AUTHORS SAID THEY HAD DE SOLA, WERE PART OF A RADICAL REVOLUTIONARY GROUP IN THE PROCESS OF INITIATING A VIOLENT REVOLUTION, AND THAT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS WOULD FOLLOW. (IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER OR NOT THE GOVERNMENT IS AWARE OF THIS COMMUNICATION, ALTHOUGH PRESENT EVIDENCE IS THAT IT IS NOT). THE SOURCE SAID NOTHING FURTHER HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

4. IN HIS OPINION, THIS FAMILY SOURCE BELIEVES THE KIDNAPPING IS THE WORK OF A "MAOIST ORIENTED GROUP BASED IN THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY". HE FURTHER OPINED THAT IRRESPECTIVE OF THE OUTCOME, WHETHER DE SOLA IS RETURNED UNHARMED OR NOT, THE "OLIGARCHY" WILL GO TO MOLINA AND DEMAND THAT THE GOVERNMENT CRACK DOWN HARD ON THE EXTREME LEFT. HE SAID THE "FOURTEEN FAMILIES" ALREADY DEEPLY DISTURBED OVER THE PASSAGE OF THE AGRARIAN TRANSFORMATION LEGISLATION, WILL THREATEN ECONOMIC RETALIATION IN THE FORM OF FACTORY CLOSURES AND EXPORT REDUCTIONS UNLESS THEIR DEMANDS ARE MET. HE SAID THAT IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE GOVERNMENT COULD NOT ACT UNTIL AFTER THE MISS UNIVERSE CONTEST. THE SOURCE VOICED THE FEAR OTHERS SHARE THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS ACT WILL ATTEMPT OTHER INCIDENTS DURING THE MISS UNIVERSE CONTEST IN AN EFFORT TO DISCREDIT AND EMBARRASS THE GOES BEFORE A WORLD AUDIENCE.

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5. COMMENT - ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE THE FAMILY HAS RECEIVED A NOTE AS DESCRIBED, IT HAS STILL TO BE DETERMINED WHETHER THIS MESSAGE IN FACT DOES COME FROM THE KIDNAPPERS, AND IF IT DOES, IF THE POLITICAL CLAIMS ARE VALID. THE POSSIBILITY OF A PURELY CRIMINAL MOTIVE REMAINS.
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